

16. The composition of claim 14, comprising a amount of phosphate effective to eliminate pathological acerbation of the growth of Ascomycete fungus by the phosphonate.

17. The composition of claim 14, wherein the phosphate is a potassium phosphate salt.

18. The composition of claim 14, wherein the phosphonate is a potassium phosphonate salt.

19. The composition of claim 14, wherein the concentration of the phosphonate is one part by weight and the concentration of the phosphate is between .001 and 1000 parts by weight.

#### REMARKS:

Applicant requests entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of the accompanying patent application which is a division of copending U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/812,865.

The specification has been amended to cross-reference the prior related application. Original claims 1-6 and 10 have been canceled and claims 7, 11, 12 and 13 have been amended. New claims 14 through 19 have been added to seek additional coverage for subject matter contained in the original disclosure as filed.

All of the changes in this Preliminary Amendment are believed to find support within the originally filed application and are urged to contain no new matter.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if it is felt that prosecution of the application may be expedited thereby.

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